

IN THE SPECIFICATIONS:

Please amend page 6, line 21 through page 7, line 12, as follows:

A lock for the handle 14 is provided by a bush 26 that fits inside the boss 24 and sliding supports a spring biased plunger 27 that is held down by a top cap 28. The plunger 27 has a tapered lower end 29 to form a wedge that has a principal axis extending laterally across a longitudinal axis of the deck. Suitably shaped slots 30 and 31 forming part of the lock are provided in a top surface and a side surface 18 of the lower connector ~~18~~16 respectively, to snugly receive the wedge 29 and hold handle either in the vertical position or the horizontal position. The slot 30, especially, is formed to snugly receive at least the whole of the wedge 29 to ensure that the lock remains firmly closed, even when considerable forces are placed on the hinge connection during normal use of the kick board. The slot 30, and possibly the slot 31, is preferably provided with lead-in upper edges to facilitate entry of the plunger into the slot as the handle is moved towards and into the vertical position.